[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(*b*) Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that medical officers have rejected as unserviceable many of the medicines under "local purchase"?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) A statement giving the information required by the member is given below. The cost shown against each year includes the cost of quinine.

Year.	Rs.
1095 ...	30,508
1096 ...	73,412
1097 ...	71,621

(*b*) No.

Swiss Milk in Hospitals.

159. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to give the date from which Swiss milk began to be got down for use in hospitals?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity and price of Swiss milk got down in each of the subsequent years?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) Swiss milk began to be purchased for use in hospitals from the beginning of 1090.

(*b*) The quantity and price of Swiss milk purchased each year from 1090 are noted below:—

Year.	No. of cases.*	Price Rs.
1090 ...	667 ...	5,829
1091 ...	422 ...	4,861
1092 ...	558 ...	9,624
1093 ...	289 ...	5,688
1094 ...	512 ...	10,842
1095 ...	527 ...	11,148
1096 ...	373 ...	7,917
1097 ...	385 ...	8,237

Transfers of Assistant Surgeon John Hilkiah.

160. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (i) Will the Government be pleased to state how many times and to what places Mr. John Hilkiah, Assistant Surgeon, was transferred in each of the years 1096 and 1097?

(ii) Will they be pleased to state the amount spent by them under travelling allowance on account of such transfers?

(iii) Will they also be pleased to state the reason for the omission of Mr. John Hilkiah's name from the statement placed on the table in the answer to Q. 81 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 17th Karkatakam, 1097?

* 1 case contains 48 tins.

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MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (i) & (ii) The number of times and places to which Assistant Surgeon Mr. John Hilkiah was transferred during 1096 and 1097 and the amount spent by Government on account of travelling allowance for such transfers are given below :—

Year.	From	To	Cost Rs.	Ch.	C.	Reasons.
1096	Hospitals at Oolampara	Nagercoil and back	24	0	0	To relieve the Medical Officer of Nagercoil summoned for court duty.
	Do.	Neyyattinkara and thence to General Hospital	6	8	0	To relieve the Medical Officer of Neyyattinkara granted leave. From there he went on long leave and was posted to the General Hospital on his return from leave.
	General Hospital	Parassala and back	10	8	0	To relieve the Medical Officer of Parassala granted leave.
	Do.	Nagercoil and back	24	0	0	To take charge of the Nagercoil Hospital during the absence of the officer in charge on leave.
	Do.	Nagercoil	12	0	0	As an Assistant at the District Hospital, Nagercoil, where a Graduate Assistant was then necessary.
1097	Nagercoil	Nedumangad	14	0	0	To fill a privilege leave vacancy.
	Nedumangad	Hospitals at Oolampara	0	0	0	After this acting period, posted to Oolampara, Trivandrum, in a vacancy there.
	Hospitals at Oolampara	Kottayam	22	0	6	Kottayam District Hospital was short-handed and therefore to fill a vacancy.

(iii) The name of Mr. Hilkiah was omitted by mistake in the statement referred to by the member.

Officers and the Vernaculars of the State.

161. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN: (*a*) Is there any Government order to the effect that the officers of the State should be able to speak and understand Malayalam or Tamil?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many of the officers of the State who draw a salary of Rs. 50 and above are unable to speak or understand Malayalam or Tamil?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Nine in the State Civil Service.

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